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LETTER DATED 10 NOVEMBER 1997 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 10 November 1997 addressed to you by Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning this morning's violation of Iraq's airspace by the United States U-2 spy plane and several formations of United States warplanes.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



Annex

Letter dated 10 November 1997 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

As the time for the Security Council to discuss the report of the United Nations mission to Iraq was drawing near, at 8.28 a.m. today, Monday, 10 November 1997, the United States U-2 spy plane together with several formations of United States warplanes fitted with all kinds of weapons and espionage equipment violated our airspace pursuant to a decision by United States officials. It thus violated, by military threat, the sovereignty of an independent State and a founding Member of the United Nations. On this basis, it is no longer to be considered, even nominally or formally, as one of the means used by the United Nations to conduct so-called inspections. We shall act in its regard and in regard to other United States aircraft that violate our airspace in this manner in such a way as to safeguard Iraq's sovereignty and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said Al-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Iraq
